

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

TI-21443

Vivek K. Thakur

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For: Tile Map Based Multi-Level Supercell Screening

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Ass't Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

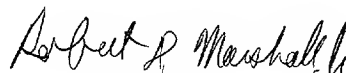
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the following sentence:

--This application claims priority under 35 USC §119(e)(1) of Provisional Application
Number 60/257,789, filed December 22, 2000.--

Respectfully submitted,



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